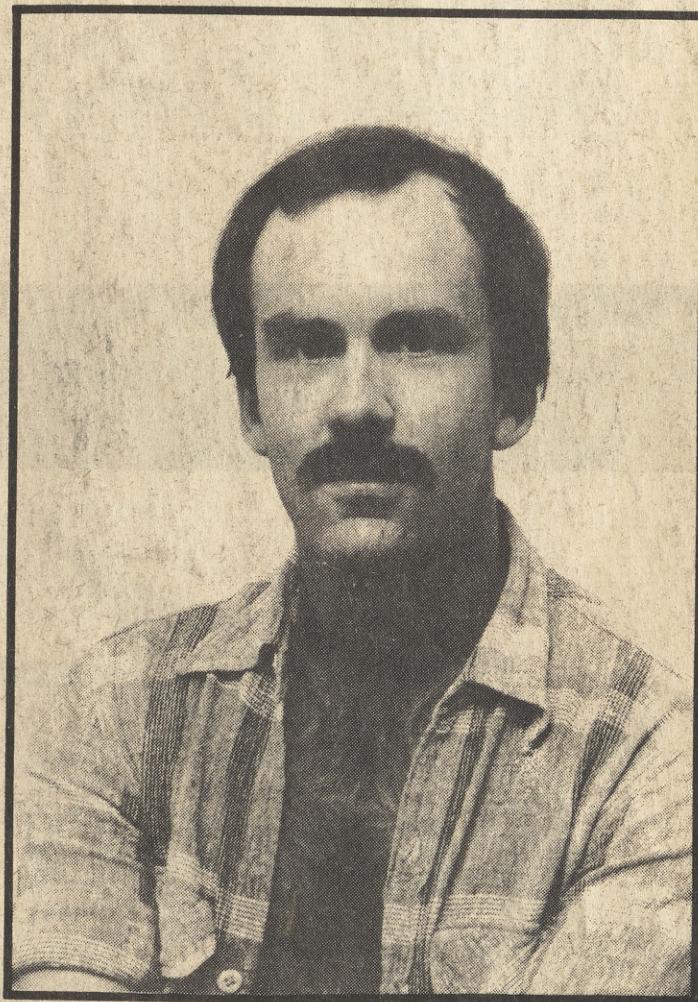


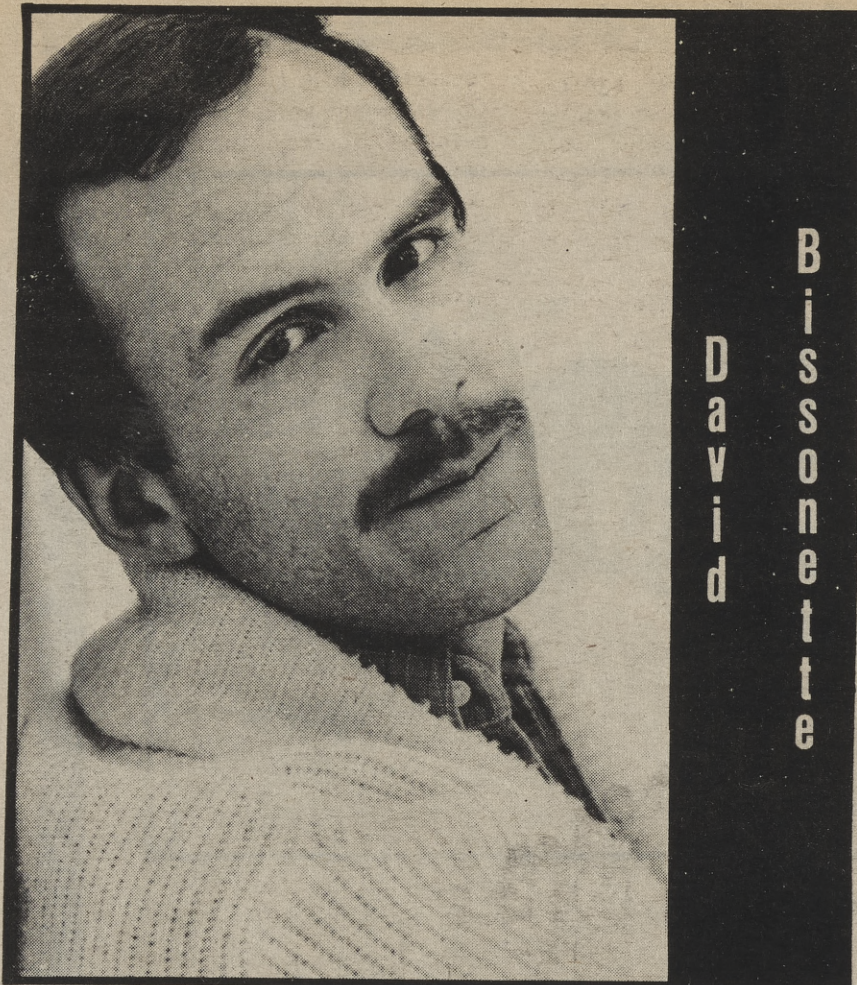


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David Bissonette

This month's Cover Person is David Bissonette. David is a professional writer and musician.

David's writings have appeared in MANIFEST, ROLLING STONE, FAMILY CIRCLE, and elsewhere. His latest book, WITHOUT MUSIC, is a compilation of his song lyrics written over the past eleven years. Another book, as yet unpublished, is entitled CRUISING THE MOON; its theme is man's quest for sex in this world, and for salvation in the next world--or vice versa! Its title poem will be featured this year in a special DRUMMER ANNUAL magazine.

A singer-pianist, David will be starting an indefinite engagement soon at BRIT, in Long Beach, the city where he makes his home. (A beach lover, his favorite pastime is feeding the seagulls.)

Three original videos of David, filmed by Anthony Ash, are being run at the popular Long Beach Bar, SILVER FOX. What's more, we've just learned that David was recently photographed by PLAYGIRL MAGAZINE for use in one of their future issues.

Studds To Run

United States Representative Gerry Studds, D-Massachusetts, recently announced in Boston that he will seek re-election to the seat he has held since 1973. Last year, Studds, 46, was censured by his colleagues, the severest penalty short of expulsion, after the House Ethics Committee found that he had had sex with a young male page some years ago. After the House vote, Studds admitted on the House floor that he is a homosexual.

Studds, a former prep-school teacher, is best known as a vehement anti-war critic and defender of his district's rich fishing grounds off the coast of Massachusetts. His conservative district includes the old whaling port of New Bedford and the resort islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

After his censure, Studds toured his district and found that his record at home remained vitally untainted by the disciplinary action.

Large Award

Karen Ulane, 42, was recently awarded \$158,590 in back pay and expenses by a federal judge. Formerly known as Kenneth Ulane, Ms. Ulane, was fired by Eastern Airlines after she had undergone a sex change operation to become a woman. A pilot, she was fired April 24, 1981, and then sued the airline for sex discrimination.

In Chicago in a final judgment, US District Judge John F. Grady ordered that Ulane receive \$140,490 in back pay, \$15,839 in interest, and \$2,261 in out-of-pocket expenses for life and health insurance, dental care, and airline tickets.

Eastern Airlines must also provide Ulane with vacation, sick leave, and seniority benefits and pension contributions retroactive to the day of firing.

Ulane had flown with Eastern for 12 years and previously flew transport missions in Vietnam.

Gay Games II

Plans for Gay Games II are moving ahead under the full-time leadership of Dr. Tom Waddell, who was a member of the US Olympic team (decathlon) at Mexico City in 1968.

Gay Games II will take place during the summer in 1986 in Kezar Stadium, Kezar Pavilion, San Francisco State University and other public sites. Waddell hopes to have athletes from 100 nations participate. Gay Games I brought participants from about 40 nations to San Francisco.

The purpose of the games is to promote togetherness and establish the visibility of gay women and men in competitive sports.

The Internal Revenue Service recently granted tax-exempt status to Gay Games II for the purpose of fundraising. The status was granted on the basis that the games are for educational and charitable activities to combat discrimination and prejudice against gay people.

Gay Games II was started in San Francisco in 1982 and originally was called the Gay Olympics. However, the US Olympic Committee obtained a court order to prevent the use of "olympics" in the name of the event.

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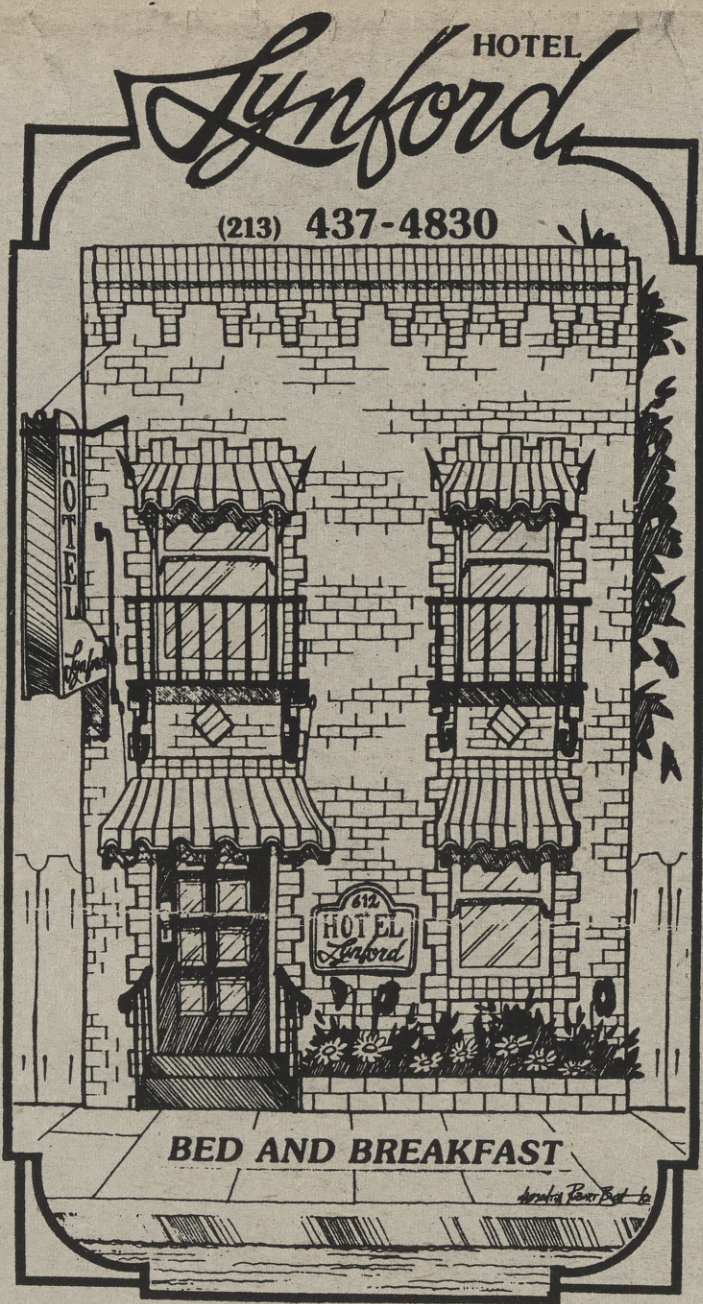
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GETTING

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By Tom Dolan

Impotence is a subject I could not have written about ten or fifteen years ago. At that time I was too close to the problem. Too confused. Too scared.

Carol and I had rented a small house on an inlet near Bar Harbor. As soon as summer school ended, we packed the car and set off through Vermont and New Hampshire to the coast of Maine. Carol massaging my neck and shoulder, I managed to drive straight through, stopping only for snacks and restrooms.

The last few miles we encountered a dense fog and could barely make our way up a narrow drive between banks of marsh grass. I hoped I wouldn't have to drive over one of those bridges consisting of two planks thrown across a ditch. Somehow we made it. Or so we thought.

The next morning we ventured into the ocean, but only up to our knees. The Atlantic is very cold up

there. By evening, rested and refreshed enough to contemplate sex, we were puzzled by a problem I'd never had before. I couldn't get it up. Not even half-way.

No cause for alarm, we agreed, deciding not to make an issue out of an incident. By the next night, however, we began to wonder what was going on. I'd been away six weeks. I should have been horny. I wasn't.

I blamed it on the bed, which was too soft. I blamed it on the fact I'd gotten a taste of living alone and liked it. I felt guilty about that but was reluctant to ask myself why.

Carol's consternation showed through her denial. Nothing was seriously wrong. It would pass. But her moodiness fed into mine. When two weeks passed and nothing changed, we knew something was definitely wrong.

We tried putting our heads together. Maybe it was the money shortage. I had miscalculated the amount of money in our checking account. We had only \$75 for a month's groceries and gasoline, to say nothing of emergencies. We would have to dig a lot more clams, pick a lot more blueberries than we had planned.

"Let's wait and see what happens when we get home," we agreed, hoping our very own bed and regular paychecks would somehow help. When we got home, just as we'd hoped, the problem disappeared, only to resurface the next summer in a far more serious way.

I'd been away to school again, only this time I had a week-long affair, my first since being married. Alan and I consummated a beautiful friendship during a week-long visit. It was wild and wonderful, and I was full of guilt.

When Carol stayed overnight with me at school shortly after Alan's departure, I was in good spirits. I was happy. After all, I'd been laid umpteen times by a wildly sexy man. But when I went to bed with her, I was impotent.

I remember saying, "I don't know what's wrong this time," but I knew better. Mentally and emotionally I was still with Alan. Carol wept. On some level she knew the seriousness of this particular failure.

When I too began to cry, she asked me to tell her what was wrong, assuring me, "It's okay. Whatever it is, I can handle it." I told her. Neither of us handled it very well.

For over a year, we visited counselors and therapists, hoping to save the marriage if not its original vibrancy. Lots of women, I told myself, stay married to "bisexual" men. It was simply a matter of adjustment, compromise. Maybe we could find a third party (male, naturally), who we both liked. So

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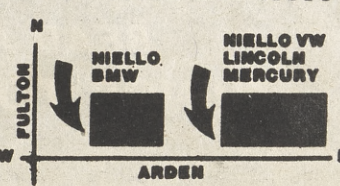
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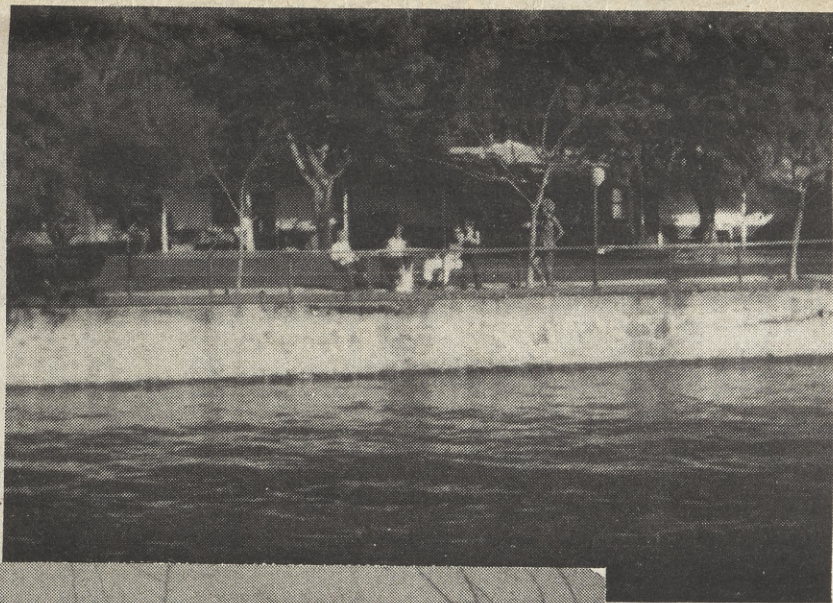
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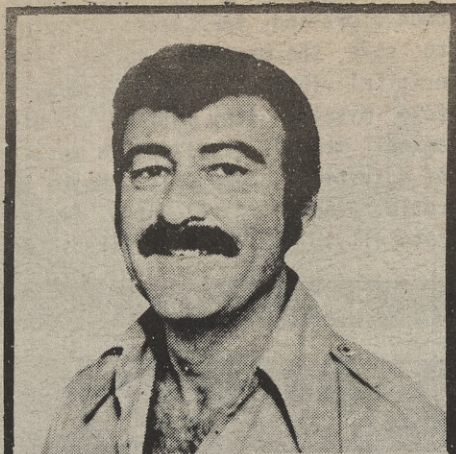
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San Juan, which is a dazzling, cosmopolitan city, is the capital of the American Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The city is very gay, and there is sex, sex, sex...everywhere.

It is situated about one thousand miles southeast of Miami, with the Atlantic Ocean on the north and

the Caribbean Sea on the south. San Juan is to the east coast of America what Waikiki Beach is to the west. The sub-tropical climate and warm sea breezes make for an ideal getaway when the mainland is freezing and covered with snow. San Juan is a big city with a metropolitan population of over one million. Traffic can be horrendous, so visitors are better off to use taxis, buses, or shank's mares.

Ashford Drive is the Kalakaua of San Juan. Most of the action centers around the Atlantic Beach Hotel, a five-story gay haven for American tourists at #1 Calle Venedig, a one-block-long street between Ashford and the Atlantic Ocean. The rooms are modest but clean, and a double is reasonably priced at about forty-five dollars. But let me warn you, San Juan's most popular disco, Stars, is located on the top floor. From 10 PM when it opens, to whenever it closes, usually between 4 and 5 AM, the disco beat reverberates throughout the whole building and even with ear plugs provided by the management, sleep is impossible.

So unless you plan to dance all night, I suggest staying somewhere else. Arcos Blancos is a friendly Spanish style tile-roofed guest house with swimming pool

about one mile east at 10 Carrion Court, and Lutece is a reasonably priced beach house at #1 Atlantic place. El Prado is a quiet guest house at 1350 Luchetti by Condado Park. The Condado Inn and Hotel Lindomar are located on Condado Avenue, just off the beach and attract a loyal older crowd. The Beach House at 1957 Calle Italia is a favorite with many. La Vista Guest House at 151 Tetuan and the San Francisco Inn at 263 Calle San Francisco in Old San Juan attract some leathermen. The Sands Hotel on the street behind the Atlantic Beach is mixed but has very comfortable rooms and a tolerant attitude. Most of the guest houses have bars and serve some meals. Windchimes Guest House at 53 Taft is new and looking good.

The Outdoors bar at the Atlantic Beach Hotel overlooks the gay beach and the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. It is packed all day. Just across the street is the Barefoot Bar, which also has a terrific ocean view and attracts a lot of the older guys from the States and many young latin hustlers. Stars disco atop the Atlantic Beach Hotel is your best bet for hot young Americans, while the Bachelor Club at 112 Condado (under the freeway) appeals to some really great looking young Puerto Ricans.

A few blocks away is Numbers, a busy video cruise bar at 53 Aquadilla. Around the corner at 51 Barranquitos is Vibrations, which features nude go-go boys and action packed back rooms. P.J.'s and the Lion's Den are downtown in Old San Juan. Nude go-go guys give it their all...and will give it to you for a nominal fee in the back room. Some locals warn against visiting Old San Juan at night, but I've never had any problems. Go by cab and don't walk on the dark side streets alone. The only baths in Puerto Rico is the Steam Works, next door and above the Lion's Den at 205 Calle Luna.

My only objection to San Juan is the food, which I find consistently bad. Top-rated expensive restaurants like La Zaragozana and Hostal Castilla have poor food and service. Don Pepe is better, and if you like well-marbled and gritty steaks, try the Scotch'n Sirloin which has a pleasant atmosphere. El Patio del Convento is located in an old convent and worth a visit for the charming ambiance. Otherwise try Wendy's or one of the many fast-food houses in Condado.

Puerto Rico was discovered by Christopher Columbus on his second visit to the New World in 1493. It

was founded fifteen years later by Ponce de Leon, who is buried in Old San Juan. While Condado Beach looks like Honolulu or Miami, Old San Juan is delightfully European. Be sure and see the impressive old Spanish forts, Castillo El Morro and Castillo San Cristobal, La Forteleza, San Juan Cathedral, the cruisy Plaza de Armas, El Yunque rain forest, and sample some rum at the Bacardi plant.

The island came under American control at the end of the Spanish-American war in 1898. It can be reached by airline from Miami, Atlanta, New York, and many other mainland cities or by numerous cruise ships. Most of the elegant hotels and resorts in Condado have gambling casinos. Great beaches line the hundred-mile-long island; and sunbathing, deep-sea fishing, boating, and water sports are everywhere. This is the only place under the stars and stripes which allows cockfighting. If you like latins, sun, and fun, you will love it here. Puerto Rico is truly the crossroads of the Caribbean.

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Faux Pas

By Ed E. Kett

Dear Edwards Kett,

How can I ask my old lover to go on a date with me without bringing her new lover along? I'll never win her back if her new lover's there breathing down my neck. Please hurry with your answer.

Ever,
Becky

Dear Becky,

It is definitely a breach of fine manners to invite one of a pair of lovers without inviting the other. The only viable solution to your problem is to contrive to invite your old lover when her latest lover is unable to go along.

Another thing that may be a temptation, but is just as much a breach of good manners, is to hire a hit man to wipe out the new lover. In the finest circles, it just isn't done.

Sincerely,
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Euphemia

By Euphemia Euris

Dear Euphemia,

My problem is my lover's lower-back pains. Homer often goes for chiropractic treatments. Shane is his chiropractor. It just kills me to know that Shane is touching Homer so intimately in places where only I am allowed. I just know that Shane is getting ideas. What do you suggest that I do about this demoralizing problem?

Cleve

Cleve,

What does Homer think about Shane? Does Homer long for Shane's hands to touch him intimately? Does Homer tremble with desire just in anticipation of his appointment? Does Homer make up those back pains just to see Shane? Does Shane cause Homer's pain?

Now, let's move to the lower back pain your letter causes me. The best way to insure Homer's spending more time on his back with Shane is to keep on with your attitude. If you are that upset, go to school and become a chiropractor. Then, you'll have Homer all to yourself. That is until Homer's boss or Homer's clients or Homer's whatever come between you.

EE

Dear Euphemia,

I was brought up to be a good Christian. My parents have always wanted me to become a preacher and I want to. I'm now twenty years old and have almost finished two years of Bible college.

I sing in the church choir. Being in the choir is important to us Christians because that's the way we make joyful noises unto the Lord.

For the last six months, the choir director has been keeping me after choir rehearsal to give me special practice. And we always end up by doing things in the choir loft, things that good Christians disapprove of.

Those things are a lot of fun and I really look forward to choir rehearsal getting over with. But lately I've been very depressed about my inability to yield not unto temptation. Do you think that I'll ever be able to be a preacher if I keep on committing such sins with the choir director? Naturally, I don't intend to commit them any more after I graduate from college.

Please don't get the wrong idea about me. I am definitely not gay.

Lexter
(Ft. Smith)

Dear Christian Lexter,

I'm so happy to see that you've allowed yourself enough time to read my column in the PATLAR GAZETTE. You're too clever. Do you do that reading before, during, or after "special practice?"

All I can say is that many people are (or claim they are) both Christians and gay. My advice is to contact an MCC in your area or in any area. MCC stands for Metropolitan Community Church. Members of that church tend to be gay and may be able to help you toss aside your confusions and obvious guilt feelings, thereby enabling you to "fess up" to your own realities. Try it and see what happens. (Besides, MCCs often have choirs and choir directors, too!)

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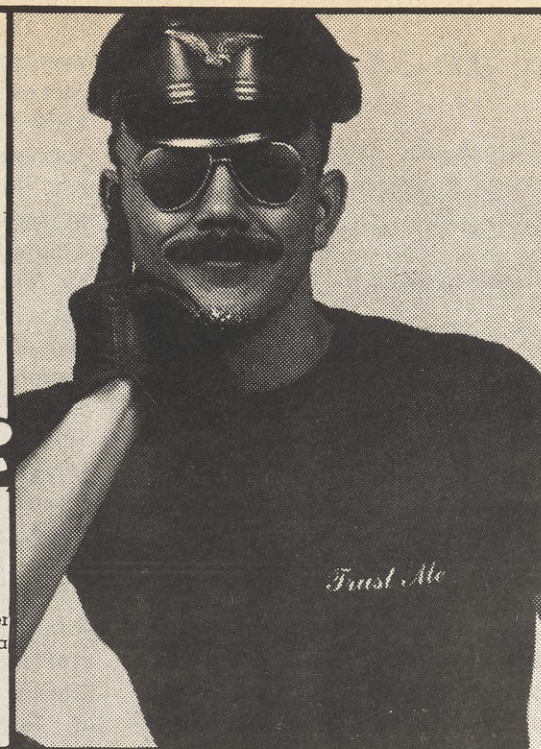
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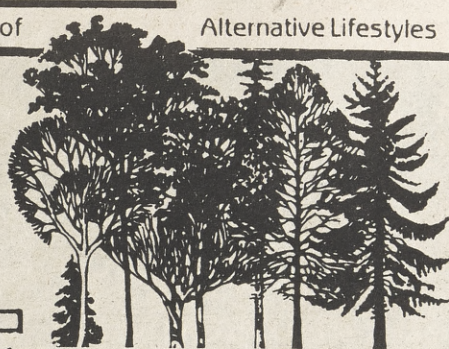
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A BOOK REVIEW

THE ALEXANDROS EXPEDITION, Patricia Sitkin, Alyson Publications, Inc., Boston, 1983

Reviewed by Alex M. Vernon

Gay literature now includes another current mode of popular fiction, the political intrigue and terrorism novel. But wait, THE ALEXANDROS EXPEDITION, besides being a political thriller, is also a love story of sorts.

The characters, all vivid, are mostly English, though there are a few deftly-drawn American archetypes; and the setting is a fictitious Islamic nation on the Mediterranean, Tariq. The similarity of this turbulent country to Iran and its toppling of the Shah and rise

of the mullahs is so great that American readers might as well view it as Iran. Simon Roud, a well-known journalist covering the fundamentalist Islamic revolution, has been seized and is being held prisoner for the crime of continuing to send accurate accounts to his London editor. His friend, Evan Talbot, a celebrated painter and dashing playboy whose face and romances are often splashed in the tabloids and who has been close to Simon since "public" school, enlists the aid of a third intimate friend, Hamish (a diminutive of "Hamilton"), in a daring scheme to rescue Roud.

The ALEXANDROS is a holiday ship cruising the Aegean Sea, visiting attractions like Mykonos, Ephesus and Troy, along the coast of Turkey, and is to put in at ports in and near Tariq. Operating from the ship, Evan and Hamish will

slip into Tariq and bribe the prison commandant (a well-established tradition) to release Simon. Hamish will smuggle Simon aboard, both disguised in chadors--in a drag of sorts--while the dauntless Evan will try to make his way across the chaotic Tariq to the border and cross it and meet the vessel at the next port.

Evan, enough of a celebrity to be recognized, attempts to keep a cover on the mission by posing as an obvious and flamboyant fairy who is Hamish's lover. Hamish, though comfortable enough with being gay, is mortified by Evan's embarrassing and stereotypically gay behavior. Hamish has loved Evan silently for many years; he once made his feelings known, but Evan's horrified reaction then still precludes any further broaching of the subject. Now, Evan realizes the torture he is putting his treasured friend through, and unwillingly but inexorably begins to examine his true feelings and sexuality.

Naturally, Evan's pretense is pierced--which only adds to the suspense. And after the rescue attempt, when the principals--and the reader--begin to relax, a terrorist action, as happens in this unstable corner of the world, occurs and Hamish and Evan are separated just as they may be discovering a love between them.

Ignoring the weak title, this adventure novel is sharp in its attack and nimble in its machinations, and can truly be said to be gripping. Furthermore, Sitkin somehow manages to achieve an effect both charming and brutal at the same time. The brutality and violence is palpable and generates genuine horror at the actions of the Shiite revolutionaries and, later, the fanatical terrorists. And charming is the sweet unfolding of the love between Evan and Hamish.

HOROSCOPES

By Dr. Pat Larr

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): You meet someone who knows all the right buttons to push. Feeling elevated? You should. This car is going up!

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Have you noticed your spirits flagging lately? You've been spreading yourself too thin lately. Fear not! The month climaxes on a high note that will leave you limp with delight.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): A special someone from the past whom you've always cared about rediscovers you. And you discover how much fun it is to explore uncharted territories.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): Venus and Mars, the movers and shakers of the Cosmos, are behind you all the way this month. So shake your booty and you're sure to make all the right moves.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): It's test of wills time. That special someone is out to drive you crazy. Don't give in. But then you're known for your stamina.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): You can't always have it both ways, or even three ways (well, maybe three ways). Make a decision and stick to it.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Someone on the job tries to straighten you out. Watch that sharp tongue of yours and you could get something straight between you.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Beware of the full moon. It could signal the end of an old relationship, making you the butt of a lover's private joke, but you manage to get the last laugh.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): It's time to stop fantasizing. Get out there and find a flesh and blood, hard-breathing lover. Your daydreams are all wet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): You've put your foot in your mouth once too often. It's time to be quiet and let your dimples do the talking. You'll be surprised what you'll find to wrap your lips around.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): A new chapter of your love life begins this month. As usual, it's a real page turner. Your glossary bursts with terms of endearment.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): Your love life is finger lickin' good this month. So don't chicken out when someone asks to take you out. Gobble. Gobble.

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So, to help you get your sham-rocks off, here's a dinner that will curl your wild Irish toes. Something warm and satisfying (hmmm). Something wildly Irish. Something that invites the lamb into March. (Sheep are so adorable!) Sure'n be gay here's:

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Was Stu Irish? Is the Pope Catholic? My dears, this shepherd boy chased sheep all over the hills of Ireland, and must have caught a few, because he could knit just beautifully! As this recipe shows, Stu could also cook. The Irish can do anything (and often do!). Erin go baaa!

Preparation Time: 30 minutes
Cooking Time: 2 to 2-1/2 hours

Ingredients:

2 pounds potatoes, peeled and very thinly sliced (Food processors can be wonderful!)
Salt and pepper (So many couples, these days!)
2/3 pound onion, peeled and very thinly sliced
2 pounds stewing lamb, cubed
2 2/3 cups beef broth (moo juice!)

Preparation:

1. Take 1/3 of the potatoes and line the bottom of a heavy, enameled pot or flame-proof (how rude!) casserole. Layer half the onions and twinkle with salt and pepper. Grab half your lamb and lay it on.
2. Repeat, ending with a layer of potatoes. (Spuds for studs! No wonder the Irish serve so many!)
3. Pour on the broth, and bring it quickly to a boil.
4. Skim off any nasty froth from the surface. Cover tightly and simmer till your lamb is tender. (It shouldn't baaa when you poke it!) 2 to 2 1/2 hours should do the trick and give you time to do likewise!

OH, DANNY BOY! PUDDING Serves: 4

When Johnny came marching home, this is what Danny boy served him! The perfect climax to an Irish meal!

Preparation Time: 25 minutes

Baking Time: 50 minutes

Ingredients:

1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter, softened
3/4 cup white sugar
3 large eggs, separated
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/3 cup flour
1 Tablespoon grated lemon peel
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups milk
A pinch (ooh) of cream of tartar
A pinch (ooooh, again!) of salt
Confectioners sugar

Preparation:

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and butter a 1 1/2-quart glass souffle dish.
2. With an electric mixer (or using those big, strong arms of yours) cream the butter and sugar together in a large bowl.
3. Beat in the 3 egg yolks, beating well after each addition.
4. Beat in the lemon juice, flour, lemon peel, and 1/4 teaspoon of salt. Beat thoroughly.
5. Beating (ever beating) add the milk in a stream. Mix it up real well, doll.
6. In a separate bowl, whip the 3 egg whites with the 2 pinches (one of salt and one of cream of

tartar) until they are stiff, but not dry. (Ooooh, love it!)

7. Stir 1/4 of the egg whites into the lemon batter to lighten it. Fold in the remaining egg whites gently but thoroughly.

8. Pour the mixture into the buttered souffle dish.

9. Set the dish in a deep baking dish and pour in enough boiling water to reach halfway up the sides of the souffle dish.

10. Bake for 50 minutes, until it puffs up and is as golden as a California hustler in the summertime!

11. Remove from the water, toot sweet (immediately, mon cher).

12. Cool to room temperature. Sift confectioners sugar over the top.

13. Serve. (The top of the dessert is cake-like. The bottom is custard-like sauce. Serve the sauce over the cake in dessert dishes.)

Have a roaringly good March, dears. And don't miss next month's column: "In your Easter bonnet: Brunch before the Parade." Till next we eat, yummy down and kiss, kiss...

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what if I couldn't get it up right now? Hadn't I performed admirably for better than ten years? No wonder I was having a little problem. There had been so much anxiety, so many tranquilizers. But as the

wise man said, "Things have to fall apart before they can fall together."

In therapy I was reminded I'd never had a problem getting it up with a guy. I'd had a number of

brief but successful encounters with males before marriage. With encouragement and support from my therapist, I got into gay relationships again with mixed results. One of these was particularly intense and within six months I moved in with Bobby.

Our fourth-floor "penthouse" had a skylight, diamond-paned windows, a view of the park, and access to the roof, where we slept on hot nights. I felt I'd never been closer to heaven.

We did have to be discrete where the landlady was concerned. Close to eighty and a bedrock Baptist, she asked if Bobby and I slept together. When I expressed dismay, she said, "Most men don't." Evidently that was all the assurance she needed because the issue was never again raised.

Ultimately, however, it wasn't easy living with a man who had "always" been gay. Bobby liked to spend occasional nights in other men's beds, a practice which drove me back to prescription drugs. I rarely slept while Bobby was in somebody else's bed.

When he fell in love with somebody else and moved out, my sex drive all but evaporated. I couldn't even get it up for myself. After a month of abstinence, I attempted masturbation. Nothing much happened. All I could manage was a half-hearted hard-on.

A week or so later I tried again. This time I succeeded. Well,

sort of. Any pleasure I might have experienced, if you could call it that, was negligible. I was able to ejaculate, but my emission appeared to be more granular than liquid. Numbed by tranks, my only observation was, "This is what happens when your lover falls for somebody else."

What saved me was a willingness to risk yet another relationship. About a week after I met him, "Gumdrop" called and asked if he could drop by. He arrived with a bottle of wine under his arm. Sure, we ended up in bed. But not till I told him about the "little problem" I was having.

Not to worry. "Gumdrop" was patient and understanding. His warmth melted my fears, his dark good looks helped restore my self-esteem and "erectile faculty" as a therapist might say. After several visits from "Gumdrop," my problem disappeared. I expressed my gratitude with a gold pocketwatch. "Gumdrop" had done more for me than any therapist.

I guess I've paid a certain price to learn that sex doesn't work for me, relationships don't work for me unless they're based on honesty, openness, trust, and mutual respect. I don't know about other guys, but for me a sexual exchange is better when it's based on an emotional one. I'm not suggesting this is the way it ought to be for anybody else. This is just the way it is for me.

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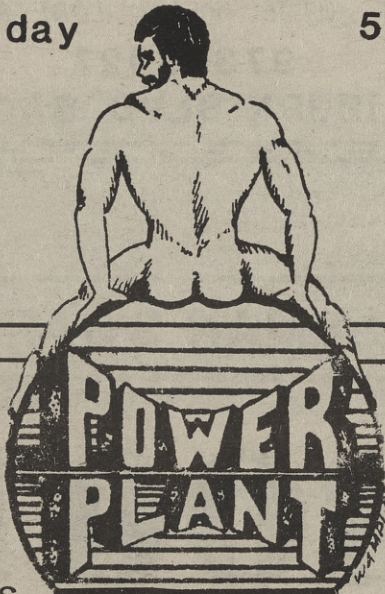
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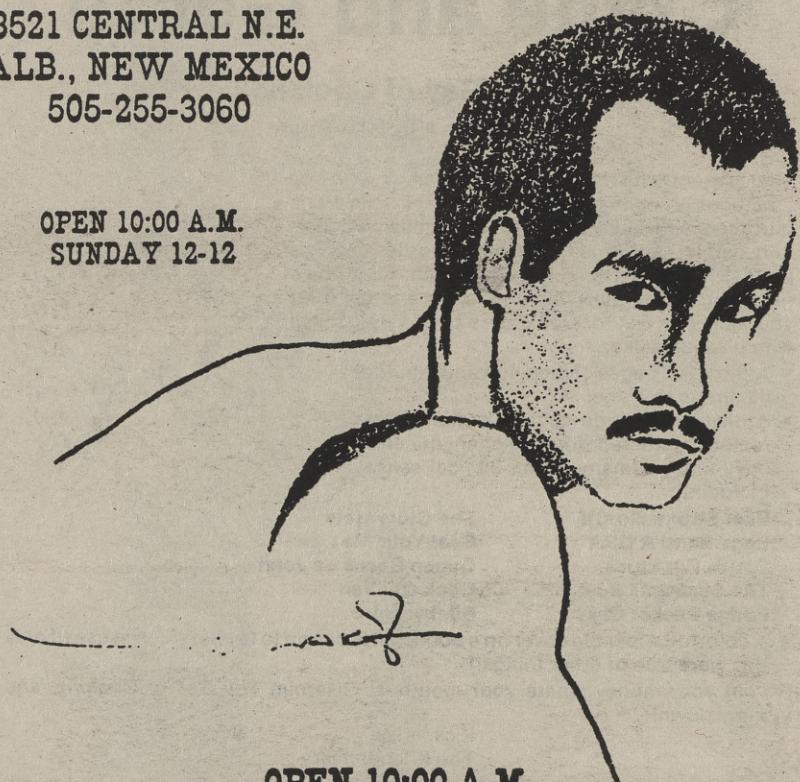
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Big Campaign Planned

Plans for a fundraising campaign to enlist at least 10,000 new contributors to the national gay PAC has been announced by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). The campaign will be entitled, "Show Our Strength--1984" or "S.O.S. '84."

This campaign will be an effort to establish HRCF volunteer groups in at least 100 additional cities and towns across the country, where there are an active gay communities, instead of the six or seven major cities which have been the focus in the past. Volunteers in each city will work to identify prospects who will be asked to make a contribution of \$19.84 to HRCF, and who will be added to the growing list of HRCF supporters and contributors.

This is a campaign planned to appeal to the many people who can-

not afford to attend expensive dinner parties and make contributions of \$100 or more. It is hoped they will be able to make a contribution that is significant but within their incomes.

The '84 campaign will augment other fundraising efforts being carried out by HRCF, such as city committee fundraising campaigns in major metropolitan areas like Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas, and Houston. In addition, HRCF will continue its direct mail fundraising program and efforts to identify major donors.

Persons interested in working on S.O.S. '84 or in other activities of the Campaign Fund should contact Vic Basile, HRCF Executive Director, PO Box 1396, Washington, DC 20013 or call (202) 546-2025.

More Faux Pas

Dear Ed,

A friend of mine is a lover of erotic art (although in my opinion it's more like pornographic art). On his living-room wall, he's hung some very expensive, erotic paintings by some rather famous artists; but the scenes depicted would make a sailor blanch. On his bedroom wall, he's hung paintings he's done himself that I find terribly gross and upsetting. But worst of all, in his bathroom over the toilet, my friend has a huge photograhic collage which contains pictures of him making love to various partners of both sexes and in various positions, some of which are quite implausible. Frankly, I find this display offensive. I'd like to know what you think of this person's taste.

Yours,
Bryan

Dear Bryan,

Tacky tacky. (You didn't see my picture in the bathroom by any chance did you?)

Sincerely,

Edwards E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

When dating a drag queen, are the rules of gay etiquette the same as they are when one is dating a real woman?

Yours,
Kevin

Dear Kevin,

Most assuredly they are the same. Although running your fingers through her hair can prove disastrous, but then it is to be hoped that your know what you're getting into.

Sincerely,
Edwards Endicott Kett

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MODESTO

A new support group for widowed persons has been formed in Modesto.

The purpose is to provide a supportive atmosphere for gay women and men who have lost their mate through death. It provides a chance to break the isolation caused by the loss of a mate, to talk and share concerns with others who are also working through the grief process.

Meetings are held in the MCC church office at 1115 K St., Modesto.

Call Cindy for information at (209) 527-5574 after 5:30 PM.

Persons on the bar circuit in Modesto report that the Brave Bull has done some remodeling. New paint, plush carpeting, and a big-screen TV have increased the comfort level. The mirrors and posters are gone.

The changes were done to celebrate the anniversary of the Brave Bull.

Court of the Rainbow Owl, a nonprofit service organization, meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at 816 Benson Ave., Modesto. The meetings are open to all community members who want to become involved in court functions. To contact the court, write PO Box 6272, Modesto, CA 95335.

Stop! Look!! Listen!!! The Stanislaus Owl Empire, Court Of The Rainbow Owl, presents: THE FIRST ANNUAL MR.-MISS-MS. GAY STANISLAUS COUNTY PAGEANT. When? March 17. Where? Sciots Hall, 1001 S. Santa Cruz in Modesto. What time? 8:00 PM. Who are the hosts? Prince Royale LARRY and Princess Royale AMAZON. Who are the MC's? Emperor

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ATLANTA

The Atlanta City Council recently passed measures to prohibit the city's bars from requesting more than one piece of identification from patrons. The Atlanta chapter of Black and White Men Together lobbied for passage of the bills.

The legislation also requires that establishments which require a membership fee or cover charge post a large sign specifying amounts and terms. Violators face possible suspension or revocation of their licenses.

ALBUQUERQUE

The theme for Gay and Lesbian Pride week '84 in Albuquerque will be determined by a contest. The person who submits the best theme for this year's celebration will receive two tickets to each Pride Week event as a prize.

The theme should compliment the national slogan "Unity and More in '84" and reflect the character of the lesbian and gay community in Albuquerque. A logo-design contest will be conducted as soon as the local theme is selected.

Proposed themes should be sent to Ruben Garcia, 1104 Stanford Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

Quentin Crisp will bring his message "to be yourself and let the debris fall where it will" to Albuquerque.

Crisp, a septuagenarian, in-

ternationally known author, and flamboyant entertainer, maintains that he is one of Britain's two reigning queens--Queen Elizabeth being the other. He will be presented in Albuquerque by Common Bond on the evenings of March 20-22.

Crisp is well known for the television version of his life story, "The Naked Civil Servant," based on his autobiography of the same name. He has also written, HOW TO HAVE A LIFESTYLE; CHOG, A GOTHIC FABLE; HOW TO BECOME A VIRGIN, and DOING IT WITH STYLE.

His one-man show consists of a monolog which is stuffed with aphorisms. According to the NEW YORK POST, "He assures us that 'I am here to cure you of your freedom.' Or he will offer such advice as 'Never try to keep up with the Joneses; drag them down to your level--it's cheaper.'"

For additional information, contact Common Bond, PO Box 1191, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

WATERLOO

A Waterloo church recently received a \$5,000 grant to provide rural gay men and lesbians with



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support services in their home communities. The Church of New Hope, a Metropolitan Community Church, was awarded the grant from the Chicago Resource Foundation.

The goal is to ease the feeling of isolation experienced by gay men and lesbians coming out in rural areas and small towns. The Waterloo area and the areas surrounding Dubuque, Decorah, New Hampton, and Mason City have been targeted for this service. The project can be contacted at (319) 234-1981 or (319) 277-1300.



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INDIANAPOLIS

A bill to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation has been introduced in the Indiana State Senate.

Known as the Indiana Gay Civil Rights Bill, it would amend the current Indiana Civil Rights Code; and if this legislation were enacted, it would be against the law to discriminate against someone because of that person's sexual orientation. If such discrimination did take place, recourse would be available through the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. Presently, Wisconsin is the only state in the country to offer this type of protection to its citizens, although numerous similar bills are pending in other state legislatures. No action is expected on this legislation in this session.

Justice, Inc., the state-wide coordinating group for gay organizations in Indiana, is expected to lead efforts to gain support for this bill. Individuals who wish to become involved in getting the bill passed should contact local gay organizations in their areas or write Justice, Inc., 1537 N. Central, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

BERKELEY

In Berkeley, an outspoken lesbian, Merle Woo, has settled her lawsuit against the University of California at Berkeley. In settlement, Woo accepted two years back pay and reinstatement as a lecturer for two more years.

Woo, 42, had complained that she was fired "because I was visible." She describes herself as an "Asian American socialist feminist lesbian and trade unionist."

The settlement includes a two-year contract to lecture in UC's Department of Education, plus cash totaling \$73,584.

Woo was a lecturer for four years in UC's Asian American Department before being dismissed in 1982. During the course of her suit, the University rescinded its rule under which she was fired, a rule that said if a lecturer is not granted tenure within four years the person is dismissed. The four-year rule was overturned, through Woo's complaint, by the state Public Employees Relations Board. UC has reverted to an eight-year rule while it appeals the ruling in California courts.

UC attorney Philip Spiekerman said the settlement is a "no fault" agreement, meaning neither side admits any wrongdoing. "It reflects the interests of both parties" he said.

Woo's suit had been scheduled for trial in U.S. District Court in San Francisco on March 5.

LANSING

The Lansing Association for Human Rights (LAHR) announced that the Fourth Annual Mardi Gras Costume party will be held at Trammpps on March 6, 1984. The costume contest will provide a \$20 first prize and a \$10 second prize. The judging will be based on applause. The cover will be \$2 at the door and the proceeds will be divided between LAHR's general fund and the Political Action Committee in preparation for next fall's elections. The bar will be decorated, the waiters will contribute their tips, and the music will be provided by the bar.

Last year's Mardi Gras was an overwhelming success with approximately 200 people, a few from out-of-town. This annual fundraiser helps to maintain services and to improve the "quality of life" for the lesbian/gay community in the Lansing area.

FT. WAYNE

Members of Fort Wayne's Gay/Lesbian Organization (GLO) held their 4th Anniversary Celebration recently.

The Organization of is one of the most active and organized gay support groups in the state; their activities include social and political events. GLO has established solid ties with Fort Wayne's city government, and its members have been intensely involved in efforts to support passage of the state's gay civil rights bill.

For further information about GLO, call the Fort Wayne Helpline at (219) 422-1766, or write to: GLO, Box 12501, Fort Wayne, IN 46863.

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VIRGINIA

Bills have been introduced in the Virginia State Legislature to decriminalize sodomy and to allow gays to be served alcohol.

The sodomy bill would legalize acts between consenting adults in private and for non-commercial purposes.

The change to the state's alcohol law would remove gays from the company of "users of narcotics, drunks, prostitutes, pimps, panders, gamblers, or habitual law violators," all whom cannot legally be served alcohol in Virginia bars and restaurants, or be legally employed by establishments with

liquor licenses. The law is not enforced; however, as long as it is on the books, it could be used to harass gay bar patrons.

Observers believe it will be difficult to get the bills approved by the entire legislature. In 1980 an attempt was made to change the sodomy law, but the general language was amended in committee to restrict the change only to heterosexuals. That bill died at the end of the legislative session.

POMONA

The Pomona San Gabriel Valley Gay/Lesbian Coalition is a non-profit organization that offers a variety of programs, including a speakers' bureau. The top priority for the group is the establishment of a foundation for a community service center in the Pomona San Gabriel Valley area.

The Coalition operates a hotline that has been operational since 1982. The hotline has answered hundreds of telephone calls and trained many monitors. The hotline is the only publicly announced gay/lesbian information service in the area. The number is (714) 623-1491.

Volunteers are needed to work in a variety of areas. People are needed to work on such projects as the hotline, conduct rap groups, and help on the newsletter. For more information, write Coalition, 710 West Orange Grove, Pomona, CA 91788 or telephone (714) 620-6608.

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In Clearlake, First Runner-Up, Don Bardeaux (left), congratulates the winner: Andy Sas, SLEAZE OF THE YEAR.

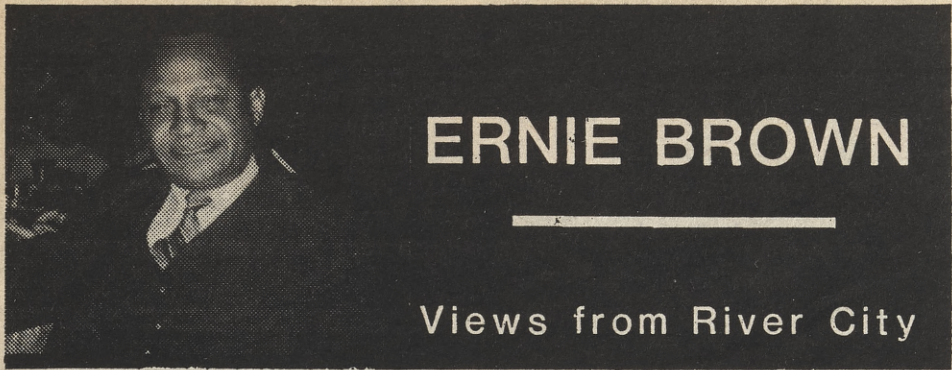


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Views from River City

OK, all you Sacramento Opera Queens. It's time to get your feathers and finery out of moth balls once again. Why? Because the Sacramento Opera Association is about to do it again, that's why. At the Sacramento Community Center Theatre on March 30 at 8 PM and again April Fools Day at 2 PM, SOA will present that most campy of grand operas, *THE MAGIC FLUTE*. Don't you DARE miss it. Just to hear and see the one and only Evelyn De La Rosa do her thing as the Queen of the Night will be worth the price of admission. As you probably recall, Evelyn is a glamour gal from Reno who won the regional Merola finals here in Sacramento a few years ago. Since then, she's been trilling in the big time. It'll be a real treat to have her back in River City. The cast will also include Brian Gardner. One just can't imagine a production by SOA without Brian, that swashbuckling lad (with a voice like Nelson Eddy's) whose operatic performances cause more masturbational fantasies around town than you can shake a stick at. Sic 'em, Brian!...I spent a couple of days recently up in Clearlake attending their first annual Sleaze Ball. It was a hoot. Congrats to the Sleaze Of The Year, Andy Sas, and First Runner-Up, Don Bardeaux. (See their photos page 12.) It was a beautiful weekend. You gay Sacramentans owe it to yourselves to check out Clearlake...All you Pisceans out there, your day is coming, Monday March 12, to be exact, at the *Mercantile Saloon*, starting at 4 PM. Everyone is welcome, be you Pisceans or not...Congrats to Ray Irish for winning that trip for two to Hawaii. Ray is lucky more ways than one, huh Don?...The AIDS Foundation fundraiser was a big success, bringing in almost thirty-nine-hundred dollars. Digette & Elizabeth Harrison sold almost fourteen-hundred tickets. That's a lot of paper...Here is something else we can be proud of. Sacramento's own Tina Barboza will be starring at *Fanny's Supper Club*, Friday, March 16. Let's go down and give her our support. Break a leg, Tina...Check out the new video room at the K-St. A nice touch, guys...Coming up March 24 at the *Forum*, the annual Camp Award, starting at 7 PM...Jamie James (from Reno) will have a show at the *Forum*, Sunday March 4, starting at 9 PM--Adm: \$3. And March 11 at the *Forum*, starting at 9 PM there will be a Pisces Breakfast & Show. Don't miss it...*Scandals* & *BoJangles* are still having beautiful entertainment. Check their calendar for dates & times...If you are planning a weekend in Reno anytime soon and are looking for a good place to stay, check out the *Hi-Ho Motor Lodge* or the *Roulette Motel*. We did, and had a most pleasant stay...Sacramento Athletic Games Association recently sent two delegates, Norm Frohwein and Mark Harrison, to St. Paul, Minnesota, to attend an International Co-Chairs Conference for the Gay Games. The intent of the conference was to create a steering committee which would foster an international communications system for the Gay Games. Norm was nominated to be a part of the committee which will met again on June 26-29 in Los Angeles during their Gay Pride Festival Games...The Grim Reaper cut a wide path again this past month in our community here in Sacramento. Both Sam Mason and David Haas will be sorely missed...

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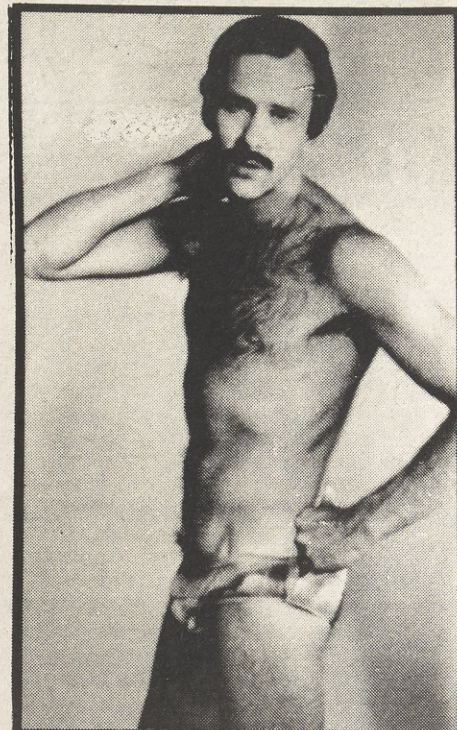
By Robert James Colton

I was happy I attended the star-studded show held at Bucks to benefit AIDS and CASA INC. The event was presented by Gary Fuller. Headliners were Lou Lou, Tacky Tina, Joe Maestas, Rudee, Julie, and Vanessa. The show was great! The emcees were great as always and had that spark to carry the show when problems arose. You all did a great job. The Boot Rack had an exciting Black Valentines Day party on Feb 14; thanks to Jack and staff for the great evening.

For those who feel real lucky, the following bars are having a drawing for a trip to Hawaii. If you want more information, go to Toyon, 6-4-1 Main Street, Watergarden, Renegades, Boot Rack, or Bucks.

If you missed the Valentines Dinner at Toyon, don't worry because Mark Dalton is having a St. Patricks Day Dinner in March. Plan ahead, you'll have a great time.

Coronation is coming to San Jose once again so please make a note of the date and place of the great one night function. The event will take place at Napredak Hall starting at 6 PM, with ceremonies



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beginning at 7 PM. The theme for this year is I AM WHAT I AM. For more information, contact Nevan at (408) 286-1176. As we turn the corner and we find that candidates are already starting to come into view and include Jim Stull, Joey Colyer, and Gary Fuller.

I have some bad news about our past Empress Lisa. She had to step down due to personal problems and our entire community has suffered a loss. She is a nice human being with a understanding, warm heart. San Jose and CASA INC hope that Lisa will have a great future.

Toyon is having a western nite, so dig out your western duds and come to the ho down at 1205 The Alameda. Look for the information at Toyon or ask the bartender.

Stop everything! The news has just hit this reporter's desk that another bar is going to close before this year is out. We are going to be very sorry to see it happen. The Savoy is closing in March. The girls and the gents will have to relocate. From what I hear, Bucks, located at 301 Stockton Ave., is starting to have a lot of girls going there. Try Bucks and see how you like it. They have a great pool table.

Casa De San Jose has a new president and he'll have a lot to do to follow Richard Kendall, whose term just ended. You did a great job, Richard! Best of luck to you in the future.

Must go for now and locate some more news for the next month's issue.

Love and Kisses!

CHICO

By Dereck C. Lockwood

Hello from Chico.

The Gay, Lesbian Union held a Valentine's Day Dance on February 11 with a theme of Black and White or Red all over. It was held at Dan's Aerobics and everyone had a good time.

On Sunday, February 12, the Women's Football Team from Sacramento came to town to play our Women's Team. Sacramento won by two touchdowns and accepted a rematch in Sacramento. The game was videotaped by Joe Madaia. 900 Cherry St. held a beer bust for one and all from 3-6 PM and a Tupperware Party was held for their enjoyment. After the Tupperware Party, a Naughty Ladies Party took place with six live models, much to the enjoyment of all in attendance. Outfits were skimpy and sexy. The models consisted of three men and three women, each of whom did his or her best to entice the audience to purchase the products.

On Sunday, February 19, Parents and Friends of Gays, hosted by Harlen Adams, held their monthly meeting. The guest speaker was Muriel Kelleher. Ray and Joe have informed me that 900 Cherry St. will be hosting on March 1-3, the First Annual Gay Mardi Gras Celebration with cash prizes for the costume contest on the 3rd. So, bedeck yourselves and come and join in the fun. They will also host the St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 17 with reduced prices on

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The Gay Men's Rap Group of Chico, which meets every Tuesday evening, would like to join Rap Groups from Sacramento, San Francisco, and other cities to meet and rap in their locales. Anyone interested can call Bob at (916) 894-1026 in the evenings.

Tell next month, adieu.

SANTA ROSA

National Women's History Week is set for March 4-10, 1984. The event is a project of the women's support network.

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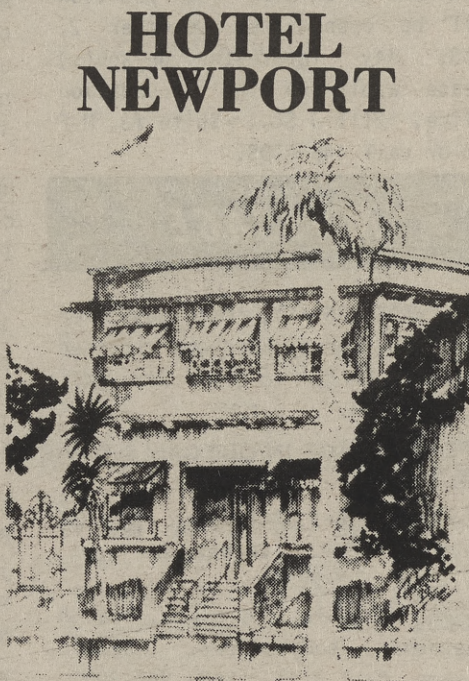
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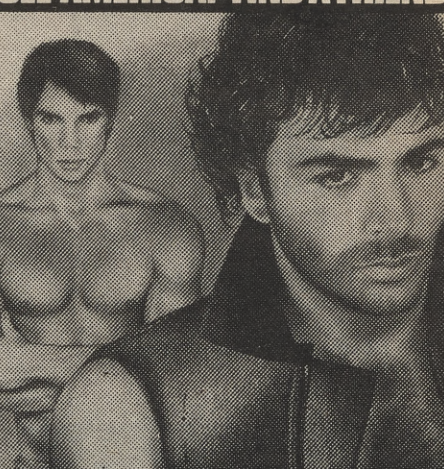
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NEW YORK

An International Conference and March is planned for September, 1984 at the United Nations. Topics will include: the differences and commonalities between the lesbian and gay experience in the United States and the rest of the world; common concerns of gay people in cities and small towns across the United States and around the world; and how gay people can make the nations of the world take notice that lesbians and gay males demand their rights and refuse to maintain their invisibility.

Planning for the conference was started in 1982 by the mainly European based International Gay Association of Lesbians/Gay Women and Gay Men (IGA).

A National Planning Session will be held March 3-4, 1984 to begin the nitty gritty decision making on issues, demands and logistics for a march and rally at the UN and a one-day conference with an international lesbian and gay theme. September 29-30 has been tentatively picked as the date, since September marks the opening of the General Assembly.

The Committee can be reached at PO Box 1498, New York, New York 10009. Outreach materials, questionnaires, and Planning Session registration forms are available. The Committee urges people who want to get involved to write. Monetary contributions are urgently needed and checks should be made out to "LGOC."

LOS ANGELES

Fidelity International is a gay Fundamentalist group based in Los Angeles, which was organized recently. Persons interested in beginning a local chapter for fellowship, support, and Bible study should write Randy, PO Box 3741, San Bernardino, CA 92413.

The Los Angeles Chapter of Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays is planning a Champagne Buffet Birthday Party to celebrate its eight years of existence. The party will be held on Sunday, March 25, from 12-4 PM at Studio One, The Backlot (657 N. Robertson Blvd., between Melrose and Santa Monica).

The event will feature a Champagne Buffet Brunch, no-host bar, special entertainment, and awards. Several artists will perform including Lynn Grizzard, with her original musical tribute to parents; Leroy Dysart, with a new international version of his popular "We Are Everywhere"; and Billy Barrett, with his spectacular "Classical, Eccentric, Juggling Act," an act that he performed with "Tattered Tales" and won three 1983 Drana-Louge awards for.

TIJUANA

Homosexuals are no longer released from jails in Tijuana simply by payment of fines. A new policy which applies only to persons believed to be gay requires that they stay in jail until they appear before a judge, who will then decide what is to be done. The recently appointed Tijuana police chief has started a new policy where "obviously gay" men are arrested if they are on the streets. Police have also started circulating petitions near one of Tijuana's gay bars to shut it down.

A spokesperson for Grupo Liberalista of Tijuana observed that the new police actions are part of Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid's campaign for "moral renewal," a pledge to end corruption in law enforcement and politics. Although Madrid's campaign began with a reform of the feared Mexican Secret Police, it has since focused on arrests of transients, prostitutes, and gay persons.

CONCORD

The Diablo Valley Community Center now provides a place in Contra Costa County for a parent, co-parent, or anyone who is thinking about being a parent. The group offers help with the raising of children. Participants have open discussions, a place to air their frustration and find creative alternatives in handling/raising children. Meetings are held each Tuesday evening at 7 PM. A donation is requested.

A Friday night rap support group for men is also available which schedules discussion on a variety of subjects. A women's rap is held once a month.

The Center recently started a hotline which operates 7-10 PM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It is available for persons who have a problem or need support, information, or a referral. Confidentiality is assured by thoroughly trained volunteers. The number is (415) 674-0171.

OHIO

Ohio State University's Gay Alliance has changed its name to Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) to reflect the growing participation of women in the organization.

The organization provides a variety of services such as a speaker's bureau and roommate service. Library pamphlets and various publications are also distributed.

GALA urges persons who want information to stop by or call. It is located in Room 315 of the Ohio Union, at the corner of Twelfth Avenue and High Street. The telephone number is (614) 442-9212.

Ohio became the 44th state to prohibit discrimination because of sexual orientation when Gov. Richard Celeste signed an executive order banning anti-gay discrimination in the state's civil service system. In addition, Celeste's order creates a seven-member panel to implement the policy. Gay activists supported the anti-discrimination order rather than a gay rights bill because they feel the state legislature is not ready to consider such legislation favorably. Ohio joins Pennsylvania, California, and New York in banning discrimination based on sexual orientation within state agencies.

KANSAS CITY

Volunteers are needed for Kansas City's Gay Talk information and crisis intervention hot line. Applicants must be able to attend training to learn how to handle calls dealing with problem relationships, coming out, medical and legal referrals, social isolation, drug and alcohol abuse, and a variety of other problems. The Gay Talk hot line has been in operation since 1975 and receives thousands of calls each year. Many of the callers are gay persons seeking information about various social activities in the area or listings of organizations for gay men and women.

Gay Talk volunteers need to be able to accept phone line duty at least one night each month, scheduled at the convenience of the volunteer, and to attend meetings periodically.

For more information and an application, call (816) 931-4470 any evening.

Pegasus recently announced that competition has been started to select the Entertainer of the Year. A preliminary contest was held in February and others are set for May 9, August 8, and November 14. First- and second-place winners from each round will compete on December 12 for the title of "Entertainer of the Year," in addition to cash and other prizes.

The competition is not limited to "drag" or "illusion." The best entertainer in the Kansas City gay community will be selected whether he or she is a singer, dancer, comic, or illusionist.

Anyone interested in entering the competition should call Pegasus at (816) 753-6504 to get all the details from Mike or Bruce.

A support group has been formed for Presbyterian lesbian and gay persons in Kansas City. Persons of all religious and sexual persuasions are welcome. For further information, call Carol Snyder at (816) 268-3971 in KC or Merrill Proudfoot at (816) 749-2631 in Lawrence.

FT. COLLINS

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance host a coffeehouse every first and third Thursday at 629 S. Howes in Fort Collins. Persons who go say it is a great place to meet people, eat, listen to music, and talk with other people.

Recent events put on by the

Tri-State Lambda (TSL) is a non-profit social and educational organization for gay women and men in Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska.

TSL provides educational programs, gay news and information, fund-raising events, and operates a coffeehouse.

Members and volunteers are needed to help. To contact TSL, write: PO Box 1542, Cheyenne, WY

group have been very successful. These included the third annual Valentine's Dance which was co-sponsored by Tri-State Lambda and the Alliance. The event was well attended by persons who enjoyed the dynamite music, decorations, and dancing.

82003 or PO Box 1401, Laramie, WY 82070.

Following are the events planned for March:

- 13 Tues. TSL Business Meeting at 7 PM. Coffeehouse to follow at 8. Izaak Walton Hall, Cheyenne.
- 17 Sat. St. Patrick's Day Party at Horse Creek Inn.
- 27 Tues. TSL Coffeehouse

HOUSTON

A study conducted by Dr. Giroa M. Mavligit of M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston points to semen as contributing to a breakdown of the body's immune system. He studied 15 monogamous gay couples and one straight couple and found that frequent anal exposure to semen can

cause irregularities in the immune system of the receiving partner. The abnormalities, he reports in the current edition of the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, may predispose a person to contracting AIDS.

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WASH., D.C.

The 1984 edition of THE WHOLE GAY CATALOG, the most comprehensive annotated catalog of gay and lesbian books, is now available.

Within its 100 pages there are over 2000 titles covering 27 topic areas from gay youth to history, science fiction to mystery, drama, the lively arts, sexuality, humor, and more. Each book can be ordered by mail.

The catalog is an important resource for every gay man and lesbian. It is designed especially to help the large number of gay men and lesbians who live beyond easy traveling distance of the country's major urban gay and lesbian bookstores.

The catalog sells for \$2 per copy and may be ordered from 2012 S. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009, telephone (202) 462-6969.

PHILADELPHIA

A support group for spouses of gays has formed in Philadelphia. The group is called Spouses of Gays Association (SOGA). The group will help spouses find the resources they need. This includes, day care legal and employment help, and counseling.

The group will also run a 24-hour hotline staffed by volunteers who have a counseling background.

About twenty persons are involved with the group at present, including one man. Some are still "happily married" to their gay spouses, others divorced or separated. Members are from various parts of the city and suburban areas, so the group plans to meet in different locations.

For more information on SOGA, call (215) 288-6959.

SAN FRANCISCO

An anthology on aging with a feminist perspective is being prepared for use in women's and gerontology studies.

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LINCOLN

Dear Patlar Family,

Hi from cold Nebraska! Your Gazette has hit the city of loneliness. I find your paper very exciting and informative; for Nebraska isn't open as much as California is. Being a Nebraska-born native, I have dreamt my fantasies of the nights and single life of California, but now, almost married, I doubt if I will ever see California.

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A Lucky Lesbian in Lincoln, NB

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HONOLULU

Dear Headitors:

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Aloha and a low high,

Manny Russo

Postscript: Cayo Huesa is continental America's most tropical outpost, Hawaii has to be America's most tropical outpost! I proof read PG.

appearance, lesbianism, anti-Semitism, and ethnic/religious identity.

Submissions must be received by March 15, 1984. The material should be sent with a self-addressed envelope to: Feminist Perspectives on Ageism, c/o Polly Taylor, 904 Irving Street, No. 258, San Francisco, CA 94122.

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The Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club received a \$5,985 grant from the Chicago Resource Center in January to continue AIDS education work within the gay community. The money will enable the Milk Club's AIDS Education Committee to distribute nationally the Club's highly acclaimed "Can We Talk?" brochure.

35,000 copies of the brochure, which provides answers to questions about AIDS and gay male sexuality, were distributed during 1983 by volunteers from the 500-plus member Milk Club. The AIDS Education Committee sent brochures to more than 70 organizations in 20 states and 5 countries, as well as to individuals. Fifteen thousand copies were also reprinted and distributed by the AIDS/KS Foundation.

The grant will help to keep AIDS at the top of the gay agenda for 1984 and to network with other people and organizations. The Center is the first national foundation to make lesbian and gay issues a priority concern.

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The Church of Jesus Christ has been witnessing gay and lesbian marriages for the past five years and has been issuing Christian marriage certificates.

Early Christian people believed that marriages began when couples make a public announcement of their desire to live together in a bond of marriage. There were no ceremonies required, no clergy nor state officials needed to be present. The couples only had to tell their friends and neighbors.

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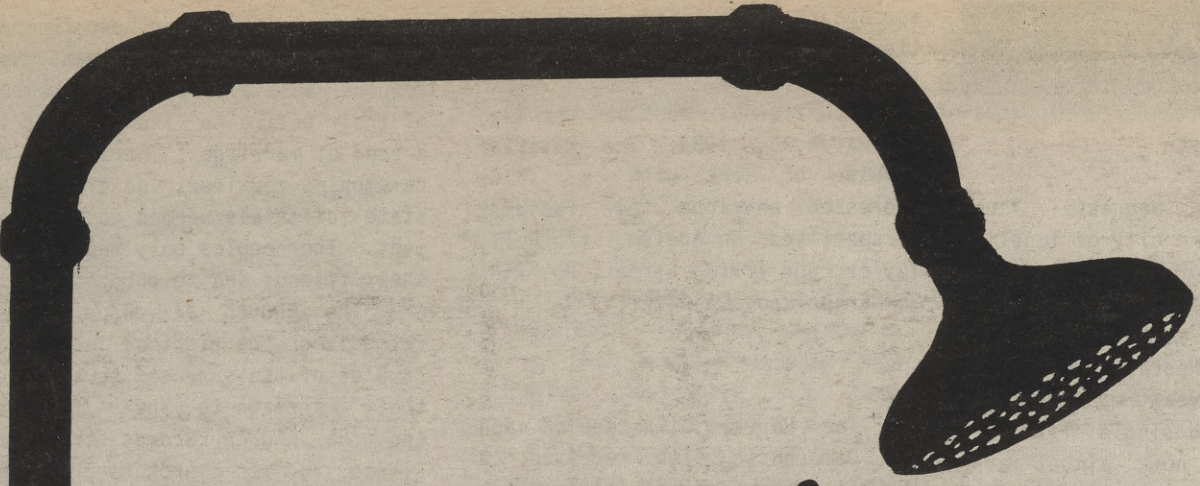
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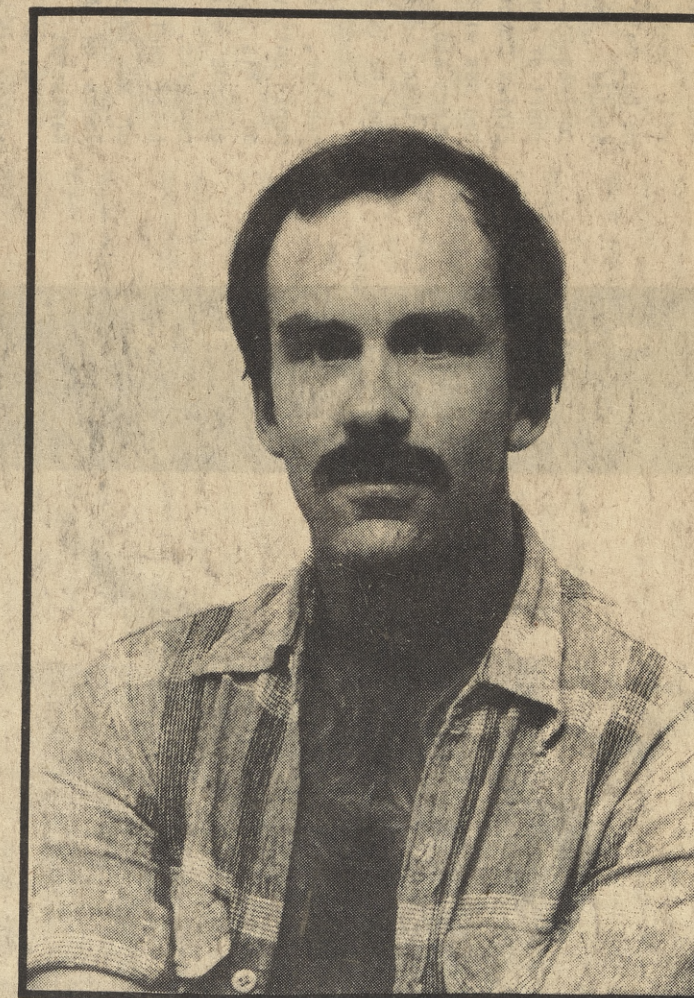
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